

And Such Were Some of You 1 Cor. 6:9-11 ①

My Junior year in college, I tried out for the basketball team at Southern Tech as a walk on. In those first few weeks I had all sorts of problems, financial aid, classes, dorm. I was down in the coaches office all the time. I remember the last day of tryouts I was in the locker room w/ the assistant coach. He was handing out practice jerseys to the folks that made the team. He threw a jersey at me. I was elated that I made the team. The # was 13. I said coach I know I had a lot of problems but you didn't have to rub my face in it by giving me #13. He said, "The sad part about it is that I didn't even look at the #'s." Hey but I didn't care I had a jersey that meant I was on the team. I wasn't trying to make the team, I was on the team. The point of my story is I wish God handed out Jerseys on the day of conversion. Maybe w/ a big G C on the front "God's Child" Something that would quickly distinguish between the believers and unbelievers. Or Maybe a big "C" on the forehead, Lord knows a lot of us would have our grown ours by now. But unfortunately God doesn't work that way. In the context in 1 Cor 6 these Christians are acting anything but Christians. They are losing their testimony before a lost world. In a church today where fornication, adultery, & Christ.

1. A Clear Recognition of the Doomed (vs 9-10)

A. It would be nice if God stamped a big "C" on the forehead of every truly born again believer. But God did give us a Bible to weigh ourselves against. Jesus said in Math 7:18-21. So what does evil fruit ^{look like}

B. Iniquity Depicted - Paul uses this list of the wicked of sins to paint a picture of the unrighteous. Fornication - sex outside of marriage (pornos - Pornograph). Idolaters - anything that takes the place of God in our lives. Adulterers - those who breach the covenant of marriage. Effeminate - complete self indulgence eat drink and be merry (used in reference to sensual matters) abusers... Homosexuality sodomites (no matter what the world says they will not inherit...) Thieves... covetous... desiring to have more. Drunkards... revilers - reproachful ^{men} coarse, harsh bitter, abusive. Extortioners - greedy of gain oppressing others to obtain money list not exhaustive

C. Inheritance Denied - They will not inherit the Kingdom of God. They that practice such deeds have no part in the inheritance of God for they are not in the family of God. They are strangers of the covenants of promise. They may profess to be a child of God, but they do not possess of new birth. Faith w/o fruit is no faith at all. Don't tell me you are a child of God on Sunday and live Mon-Sat as a two fold child of the Devil. Mark Chavkin "Anyone forsaking God as a pattern of life certainly forfeits any assurance of eternal life. No one who's lying in the lap of sin in the far country can boast of a safe retreat

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... in the father's house " He goes on to say, Anyone on the broad road of sin has no reason to believe that it leads anywhere but to destruction."

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....I was a reviler but now I am a reverer of God's
Word.

I was an extortioner but now I am an extoller of God's
Salvation.

II. A Critical Reminder to the Delivered (vs 11a) ③

A. Paul describes all these people that are going to go to hell then turns to the audience you're the ones I'm talking about. Phil Kid - First church service preacher basically told everybody to go to hell. Close but not

B. A Humbling Reminder - these Corinthians were being puffed up in their flesh. They were taking each other to court to get what they were entitled to. Make sure their rights haven't been trampled on. Paul just takes them in God's court room to show them what they are entitled to: Outer darkness, torment in hell, judgment of God. You want justice I'll show you justice. It would do us all good to take a stroll down memory lane and remember where God found us. In rebellion toward God, first shaking spit in the eye hatred toward God. Whether you were 5 or 55 when God found you all you were entitled to in his ^{was fine} ^{take up}

C. A Hallelujah Reminder - I learned in Miss Blenkins 6th grade english class that the word "were" indicated a past tense. What that means is that I ain't that no more. Paul says you may have been these things in the past, but something has happened and you ain't that no more. They have been disconnected from their past sin. Oh the same is true with me. I was... a fornicator but now a follower of Christ, idolater - enquirer of God's truth, adulter - adorer of the Lamb, effeminate - affectionate toward God, abuser - now my sins absolved by God's forgiveness, thieve - thankful for Christ's love, conceiver of God's covenant people - disciple of Jesus

III. A. Clean Regeneration from the Divine (311b)

A. The question that remains is how did they get from where they were to where they are. That must have been some more of a self help book, Paul must have been some more of a teacher... No this can only be the ^{Regenerating} Power.

B. The Activity of Regeneration - here in ^{vs 28}

one verse we find brief concise summary of the saving work of Christ. Before there is cleansing, washed. The filth of our sin was washed away.

1st. 18. What is this cleansing agent? What can wash away

There is consecration! Word sanctifying means to make holy purify, set apart. This is an initial work & a continuing work.

There is declaration! They are declared righteous

Their sin debt has been declared paid in full

Gods holy wrath has been satisfied by the finished work of

C. The Author of Regeneration - It is only

through the merits of Christ can this regener-

ating work be accomplished. This is the gospel or

good news. 1 Cor. 15: ³⁴ Christ is the Author and

finisher of our faith. Also we see the **Agent**

of regeneration! by the Holy Ghost of God - He

is that agent that wrought this saving work

in our hearts. That internal resident that seals

us unto the day of redemption. He is that **comfort**

er that resides within that bears witness that we are...

IV. Close - If God did hand out Jerseys to those

on his side, would you have one? Make your

calling and election sure! If you are a child

of God then there a lot of things in this ^{you cant no more} sinful world that

Isaiah 1:18 *Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 *For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*